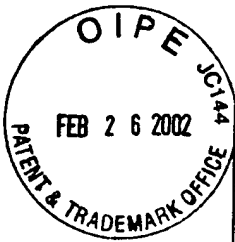


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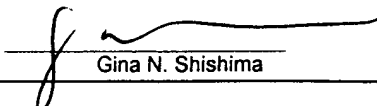
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 23, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including January 23, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated August 23, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$200) for a two-month extension of time.

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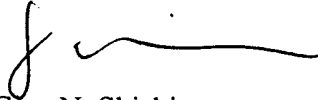
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